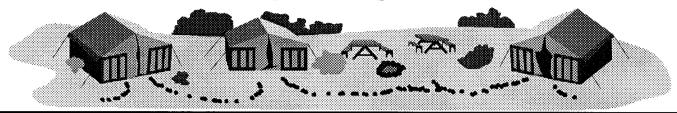
Catoctin Mountain

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Poplar Grove Youth Group Tenting Area



Site Description

Poplar Grove is open by reservation, to adult supervised organized youth groups whose members are under age 18. The site is open year-round except March 1 through April 15.

There are 3 sites within Poplar Gove. Each site accommodates up to 25 persons. Groups share pit toilets, water and a pavilion.

Each site has picnic tables, grills and a fire circle. Groups provide all personal convenience items, including toilet paper.

Reservation Procedures

Reservations can be made by calling Spherix, the National Park Service reservation system at (800) 388-2733, or through the internet at:

http://reservations.nps.gov.

When making a reservation, please be prepared to provide:

- Preferred arrival and departure dates.
- Name, address and phone number of the group leader.
- Name of the group.
- Total number of campers anticipated.

Poplar Grove fees are \$20 per night per site. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis but cannot be confirmed until payment is received.

Credit card payment will be accepted by internet or phone and instructions will be given for mail payments. You will receive written confirmation of your payment and reservation.

You will be charged \$13.25 per reservation for cancellations made more than 14 days before the scheduled arrival. NO REFUNDS will be made after this time unless the National Park Service cannot provide the site.

Check-in

Groups must check-in at the Visitor Center between 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm. An 8:00 pm check-in can be provided on Friday and Saturday 4/15 through 12/1. Groups must check-in before proceeding to the site. Groups must check-out no later than 12:00 noon on the day of their departure.

Poplar Grove Youth Tenting Area Rules

- I. Poplar Grove is a primitive camping site available to organized youth groups whose members are under 18 years of age. Adult supervision must be provided at all times.
- 2. Each site accommodates a maximum of 25 people. Reservations are required: the fee of \$20 per night per site must accompany the reservation.
- 3. Groups must check-in at the Visitor Center before proceeding to Poplar Grove. Check-in is provided between 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Groups can arrange an 8:00 pm check-in on Friday or Saturday between April 15 and December 1. Groups must check-out no later than 12:00 noon on the day of departure.
- 4. One car per site may be parked at Poplar Grove. Additional cars will remain at Camp Round Meadow. Manahan Road will be closed from mid-November until mid-March. All vehicles will be parked at Camp Round Meadow when the road is closed. Groups should be prepared to pack gear into the camp.
- 5. Groups may occupy only assigned tent sites. Tents are to be set up between the edge of the woods and the orange markers in the woods. Trenching around tents is prohibited. Off road vehicles, camping trailers and motor homes are not permitted.
- 6. Fires are permitted in grills and fire circles only. Wood that is dead and down may be collected for firewood.
- 7. Please respect park resources. Rock, animal or plant collecting is prohibited. Do not deface or destroy buildings, trees or shrubs. Firearms and fireworks are not permitted in the park. Pets and alcoholic beverages are specifically excluded from Poplar Grove.
- 8. Group members may not enter restricted areas. This includes the cabin camps and Camp 3.
- 9. Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am.
- 10. The area must be left in a clean and orderly condition. All trash must be removed and deposited in dumpsters provided at Camp Round Meadow.

If in doubt -- Ask a Ranger!

Emergency Number: 1 (301) 714-2235

Please advise the dispatcher that you are calling about Poplar Grove Youth Tenting Area in Catoctin Mountain Park.



Special Considerations

All groups must submit a complete roster, which will be used by rangers to locate campers in an emergency. Boy Scouts must submit a Council Tour Permit at check-in.

One car per site may be parked at Poplar Grove. All others will remain at Camp Round Meadow, I mile away. The nearest phone is located at Camp Round Meadow.

No vehicles are permitted at the site from mid November through March I. Access is by foot from Camp Round Meadow. Groups should be prepared to pack supplies in and trash out during this time.

Trash receptacles are located in Camp Round Meadow. Groups must provide bags and transport trash to the receptacles.

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